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Re: File No. AED/MSEB - 5067

## NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT

Dear Counsel:

On May 19, 1999, representatives of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted a reformulated gasoline (RFG) inspection at Williams Pipeline Company located at 4695 South Service Road, St. Peters, Missouri. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with section 211(k) of the Clean Air Act (Act), 42 U.S.C. § 7545(k), and the regulations issued thereunder (40 CFR Part 80, subpart D).

Where inappropriate fuels are used in internal combustion engines the emissions of harmful gases can increase significantly. Notwithstanding improvements in vehicle emission controls, emissions from motor vehicles continue to make up a very large portion of all air pollution. Congress has established a program of improvement and regulation of fuels to protect our air quality from unnecessary pollution associated with the misfueling of vehicles.

EPA regulations require that gasoline sold or used in RFG covered areas must meet the standards specified for RFG. However, EPA has determined that the gasoline distributed by Williams Pipeline Company failed to meet the RFG standard for VOC emissions performance reduction specified in 40 CFR § 80.41. In particular, the regular unleaded gasoline in Tank 1422 had

